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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT: DD/R ELINT "Interface" with OSI

1. There are several different aspects of the ELINT process which will involve OSI/DD/R coordination and cooperation. These are considered item by item below.

2. For the purpose of effectively bridging this interface, it is recommended that OSI be asked to assign an analyst full-time to coordinate problems of mutual interest with the DD/R ELINT Office. The ELINT activities wherein he would be most helpful are indicated in the following:

a. ELINT Requirements: Requirements will derive initially from OSI substantive divisions. The OSI Staff would review to consider possible sources other than ELINT, to ascertain they were fully coordinated within OSI, and that the appropriate priority is indicated. Thereafter they would be sent to the ELINT Programs Division (EPD) of the DD/R. If the PNIOs or ERL requires modification, action would be initiated in the SIGINT Committee by EPD/DD/R with OSI coordination. The EPD would also pass requirements to NSA through the SIGINT officer for collection action by NSA controlled assets. The OSI officer could assist the ELINT Office in coordinating requirements.

b. Tasking of Specific Assets: Where CIA ELINT assets can be brought to bear on the requirement, the EPD will prepare the necessary dispatch or cables in coordination with the ELINT Operations Division (EOD) of the ELINT Office, DD/R. If OSI has recommendations for specific tasks with respect to already established requirements, these can be fed into the EPD. Again the OSI officer will be of assistance, particularly to be aware of opportunities if presented by particular collection assets.

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c. Technical Support to Collection: A most important aspect of successful ELINT operations is to keep the collectors up to date on Soviet emitters and new collection techniques. This will be the prime responsibility of the ELINT Operations Division, but they will expect to get support wherever possible. Thus, one would expect frequent informal consultation with OSI substantive divisions and assistance from the assigned OSI officer.

d. Feedback from HEPC: Quality control of the collection operations depends on critique by HEPC of the mission reports based on review of the logs, tapes and other reports from the field. Again, to make these as accurate and meaningful as possible frequent informal consultation with OSI substantive divisions is expected. A situation room available to OSI personnel will be maintained by the ELINT Operations Division to provide appropriate display of pertinent information.

e. Evaluations of Collection Operations: Evaluations will be solicited by DD/R at appropriate times for budgetary review purposes from all interested consumers, including OSI. The EPD will consolidate and make recommendations to the DD/R for future programs.

3. Other interface areas and recommended solutions are as follows:

a. ELINT Reporting by HEPC: HEPC will continue to report CIA collected ELINT to NSA as agreed with NSA. HEPC also will continue to prepare information reports, based on this ELINT, as agreed with NSA. Informal reports for CIA operational or internal use will be prepared but not coordinated with NSA. In any case, frequent informal consultation with OSI substantive analysts is expected in preparation of interpretive reports.

b. Operational Planning: Operational planning would in general be expected to involve OSI personnel only to the extent necessary to obtain background information.

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c. NSA ELINT Liaison Officer: Primary duties are liaison with NSA as related to ELINT planning, requirements, reports and assigned personnel which are all focused in the ELINT Office, DD/R. However, because of his technical competence, and his knowledge of NSA structure and personnel he will be available to carry out liaison activities with NSA for OSI in his field of competence.

d. USIB Committee Relationships:

(1) SIGINT Committee: Since OCI furnishes the CIA SIGINT Committee Member and since the DD/R ELINT Office will maintain ELINT support to the SpINT Staff, it is suggested that OSI in general depend on SPINT as the primarily responsible organization. OSI should rely on SpINT to coordinate with them on committee actions which are of direct OSI concern, although DD/R personnel, of course, would take interest in seeing that this was properly accomplished.

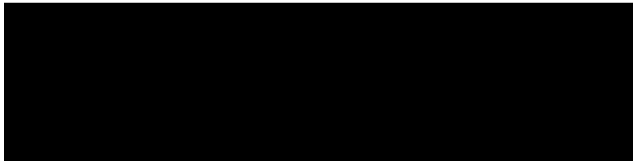
(2) COMOR: COMOR is primarily responsible for special requirements and tasking problems, but since compromises are generally necessary between the desired and the possible (based on equipment and operational limitations), technical advice will be frequently required. The CIA member (from OSI) may be relied upon to consult DD/R when technical problems are involved. DD/R should continue to secure technical assistance from DD/R ELINT components as required.

(3) CCPC: General Strong's Technical Task Force is the point at which ELINT plans have been evolved, and DD/R representation at this level should suffice. Organizationally, it seems DD/R should have the responsibility for chairing as well as staff work for

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the Task Force, but in view of General Strong's identification with the group, it may be well to continue with his chairmanship for the coming year. The functions of this Committee are being studied by General Balmer's group and some changes may be forthcoming as a result of this study.

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